Dear Parents,

**ARMENIAN CULTURAL DAY & FAIR - SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER**

The countdown has started! In just over two weeks we will welcome members of the community to our annual ‘Armenian Cultural Day & Fair’. The event is anticipated to be bigger and better than before and we would like as many people as possible to witness and enjoy what we have to offer. With all the planning and preparation, I have no doubt that we will showcase all aspects of our culture as we Celebrate 500 Years of Armenian Printing in our unique Alexander school way.

Details of student needs for the day will be outlined next week, however at this stage we can state that they are expected to be at school early, wearing the summer sports uniform with a white top. The P&C has provided a special notice to the parents with today’s newsletter outlining the tasks and the roster for the day. It is important that we have everyone’s cooperation and support on the day as there are many areas of need. Please check the roster and if you would like to request changes please contact the school early next week. I would like to remind all parents that as we did last year, the school will be closed on the following day, Monday 19th November. I’m sure the day off, in lieu of the cultural day and fair is welcomed by all involved. If working parents are having difficulties in organising alternative arrangements for that day please contact the school next week.

Since the start of Term the school has been buzzing with activities both inside and outside the classroom. There has also been a constant stream of parent and community volunteers who have been coming to help with the setup for our exhibition in the hall or where help is needed. I believe once again we will have a great showcase with a rich display of historical facts and artefacts based on this year’s theme. The students have learnt greatly in the process and I invite all members of the community to come and witness their contribution and work on display. The Cultural Day experience would not be complete without a visit to the exhibition hall. Please set yourself and your guests some time on the day to come and enjoy looking at the displays… you will be surprised what you can find there!

**‘CRUNCH&SIP’ ON DISPLAY**

The ‘Crunch&Sip’ film crew was at Alexander school last week to record this healthy eating program in action. I would like to congratulate and thank all the students and teachers for their cooperation and help in promoting the activity to other schools around NSW. Special thank you to Mrs Maria Amirzaian who volunteered to take on the parent interview. Also thanks to our Year 3-4 class, we managed to harvest some vegetables from our garden, prepare them in the canteen and serve them as part of our ‘Crunch&Sip’ break! It was a great example that was well received by the production team.

Together with three other schools involved in this project, the Healthy Kids Association aims to promote this program to teachers who take part in the Live Life Well @ School workshops. As a member of the Health Kids Association, we were happy to help share our success and encourage others to follow. We are expecting to have a copy of the promotional DVD before the end of the year.

MANOUG DEMIRJIAN

2nd November 2012
Yates Junior Landcare Challenge

Whether it’s a farm, a suburban veggie patch or an apartment balcony herb garden, Yates and Junior Landcare are asking kids around Australia, "How does your backyard grow?"

The 2012 Yates Junior Landcare Backyard Challenge is getting kids to answer this question with a short film or series of photos, allowing them to showcase the unique aspects of their local environment. The challenge is a fantastic opportunity for young people to explore their backyards, learn how plants grow, and share what they have learnt with other kids and the wider community.

Our students in Years 3-4 will be entering this challenge.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...
Christine Boyadjian
Jessica Misislian

HOUSE POINTS TERM 4
Uniform, Playground, Charity & Awards

Sevan - 83 points
Yerevan - 97 points

MEETING NOTICE

The next P & C meeting will be on
Tue. 6th November
Venue: Inferno @ Macquarie Centre
Time: 7:00pm
Please contact the school office on 9486 3266 to confirm attendance.

DATES TO REMEMBER
09/11 P&C Meeting @ Inferno Macquarie 7pm
12/11 Kindergarten Orientation / Transition Day
18/11 Armenian Cultural Day & Fair 2012
19/11 School Closed
29/11 2013 Captain Speeches & Election
07/12 Armenia’s Earthquake Remembrance Day
Student Yearly Reports - Sent Out
09/12 Christmas Concert and Graduation
12/12 Last Day Term 4 for students
13/12 Staff Planning Day 2113

TEACHERS’ AWARD

TERM 4 – WEEK 4
Year 6: Sonya Boyadjian
Year 5: Christine Boyadjian
Samuel Tateossian, Aramis Malouf
Year 2: Samuel Betchakjian
Talia Shamaon

ARMENIAN STUDENT FUND

WEEKLY REPORT: Term 4 Week 4

8 Points – Yerevan ........... $10.00
6 Points – Sevan ........... $6.60
TOTAL: ................ $16.60
ACCUMULATED: ......... $548.15

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E-Mails - Notes of Congratulations for our Debating Team

Dear students and teachers,
We congratulate you and wish you many happy returns. We feel very proud of your achievements. God bless you all.

Levon & Mary Shohmelian

Congratulation to the students and teachers, an achievement for the School to be proud. Continued success,

Vrej Manoukian

Oh my goodness. I am so happy for them and all the staff. Can't believe those children were in Year 1 etc when I left. I am at present in Cootamundra... a great little town within an hour in different directions from many family and good friends.

Gloria Harris

Congratulations to the bright students and their teachers for this consistent effort for many years. Well deserved reward. Especially with this being the 500th anniversary of the first Armenian printed book, the winning topic was on the mark... Wisdom IS better than strength.

Vahe Artinian

Our heartfelt congratulations go to the students, teachers and the parents - well done - you make us proud!

Kind regards,

Lucy Aroyan

Congratulations and well done!

Osan Keoroghlanyan

Great to read about the children’s achievements and see the happy faces. God bless your efforts and the efforts of the teachers for a better future of our children.

VARZKERNIT GADAR

Many blessings

Prayerfully yours

Pastor Hratsh Kiujian

A huge congratulations to the AGBU school and their wonderful staff for producing such champions.

Harry Bedikian

Many thanks to everyone for a great debating competition. I thought the final debates said it all - consistently clear, confident, articulate children grappling effectively with subtle and demanding topics - a real credit to themselves and their coaches.

And special congratulations to the Alexander School - once again lightly sweeping away all opposition. The engraver must by now be able to inscribe their name on the trophy blindfold and in his sleep!

Have a great wind up to the year and I will be emailing mid Term 1 next year to get the ball rolling again for 2013. This time including our new best friends (beste freunde?) from the German International School.

Regards

Gilbert Mane

Headmaster, John Colet School
Photo Gallery...

New Covered Area near the Canteen

Work in progress... nearing completion.

Armenian Cultural Day & Fair

Sunday 18 November
10am - 4pm